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DECEMBER 12, 1805.

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Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

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## A Bill,

In addition to “An act to make provision for persons that have been disabled by known wounds, received in the actual service of the United States, during the revolutionary war.”



1    *Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2    *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the*  
3    provisions of the act, approved on the third of March, one thousand  
4    eight hundred and three, entitled “An act to make provision for  
5    persons that have been disabled by known wounds received in the  
6    actual service of the United States, during the revolutionary war,”  
7    shall be construed to extend to, and include all persons disabled in  
8    ~~consequence of known wounds received while~~ in the line of duty,  
9    in actual service, under the authority of the United States, or a  
10   particular state, during the revolutionary war with Great Britain;  
11 whether they served as volunteers under any authorized officer, or  
12 belonged to the militia, or the forces raised by the United States,  
13 or a particular state. And such persons shall be placed on the pen-  
14 sion list accordingly, although, in consequence of their disability,

15 they either resigned their commissions or took their discharge, or  
16 did not renew their enlistment, or, if of the militia or volunteers,  
17 did not return into service. The provisions aforesaid shall like-  
18 wise be construed to extend to and include all those who, after  
19 incurring such disability, were taken by the enemy, and remained  
20 in captivity, or on parole until the close of the war; and also all  
21 those who, in consequence of wounds so received at any time dur-  
22 ing the war, have since that period, become disabled in such man-  
23 ner as to prevent them from obtaining a livelihood by labor:  
24 *Provided*, That the persons aforesaid shall in all other respects  
25 conform to the requirements of the act to which this is an addition.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That an increase of pension may  
2 be allowed to persons already placed on the list of invalid pensioners  
3 of the United States, in cases of disability caused by known wounds  
4 received while in the line of duty, as aforesaid, during the revolu-  
5 tionary war with Great Britain. Every invalid making application  
6 for this purpose shall be examined by two reputable physicians or  
7 surgeons, to be authorized by commission from the judge of the  
8 district, who shall report in writing, upon oath or affirmation, the  
9 result of such examination, with their opinion of the nature of the  
10 applicant's disability, and in what degree it prevents him from ob-  
11 taining a livelihood by labor. A transcript of the report shall be  
12 given to the applicant; and the report shall be transmitted to the  
13 secretary for the department of war, that the same may be examin-  
14 ed and compared with documents in his office. And such increase  
15 of pension as shall thereupon appear to be proper, may be allowed

16 to the applicant: *Provided*, That the whole amount allowed to an  
17 invalid shall not, in any case, exceed a full pension.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases of persons  
2 placed on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, a full  
3 pension to a commissioned officer shall be understood and construed  
4 to be the one half of the monthly pay, legally allowed at the time  
5 of incurring the disability, to officers of the same grade, in the forces  
6 raised by the United States; and a full pension to a non-commis-  
7 sioned officer or private soldier or seaman, shall be understood  
8 and construed to be five dollars, per month: And the proportions  
9 less than a full pension shall be the correspondent proportions of  
10 the sums aforesaid respectively. But no pension to a commissioned  
11 officer shall exceed the half pay of a lieutenant-colonel.